

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

During the month of August the Northern Command saw a reduction in the total number of crashes occurring on the roadways of the command. The total number of crashes dropped from 390 in July to 329 in the month of August. This equates to a drop of 15.6% overall with a drop in property damage crashes of 18.6% and injury crashes of 10.9%. Alcohol involved crashes also dropped 15.8% this month.

Construction continues on the major roadways in the Reno area. Re-construction of the Spaghetti Bowl continues and is causing major traffic tie ups in the morning commute continuing all day until after the evening commute. There has also been a significant amount of construction on the rural roadways.

Although the overall activity is down during the month of August there were gains in a few very important categories. The number of DUI arrests prior to the driver being involved in a crash is up. This category increased by 13.2% and at the same time the number of crashes involving an intoxicated driver decreased by 15.8%. This shows that the increased enforcement of DUI violators is working. The overall arrests also increased by 6.3%, when comparing last month to this month.

The Northern Command will continue to do the best work possible with the limited number of officers available. We will continue to try new programs to best utilize the resources the command has.

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## CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	August 2004		August 2003	% Change		July 2004	% Change
Total Crashes	329		393	-16.3%		390	-15.6%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	210		175	-23.6%		258	-18.6%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	115		113	1.8%		129	-10.9%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4		5	-20.0%		3	33.3%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	16		8	100%		19	-15.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6		5	20.0%		3	100%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		2	-50.0%		0	100%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0%		0	100%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1		1	0%		0	100%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		0	100%		3	-66.7%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2		NA			0	200%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	15		18	-16.7%		20	-25.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	10		14	-28.6%		13	-23.1%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	5		3	66.7%		6	-16.7%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		1	-100%		1	-100%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.2%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.9%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.6%

- Total crashes decreased by 61 or 15.6%
  - The greatest decrease was in property damage crashes.
  - Injury crashes decreased as well.
  - Six persons were killed in four fatal crashes.
  - Alcohol related crashes decreased by 15.8%.
- Commercial vehicle involved crashes dropped significantly.
  - The greatest decrease was in property damage crashes.
  - Injury crashes decreased as well.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	August 2004		August 2003	% Change		July 2004	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes **	16		8	100%		19	-15.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes **	86		122	-29.5%		76	13.2%
Other Arrests	329		497	-33.8%		342	-3.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) **	169		218	-22.5%		159	6.3%
Speed violations	1805		2564	-29.6%		2279	-20.8%
Hazardous moving violations	622		988	-37.0%		739	-15.8%
Occupant restraint violations *	220		344	-36.0%		309	-28.8%
Total violations [above violations included]	4346		5956	-27.0%		4517	-3.8%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	14		18	-22.2%		15	-6.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	9		47	-80.9%		28	-67.9%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	558		385	44.9%		537	3.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0%		0	0%
Total safety violations -- citation	271		465	-41.7%		250	8.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1322		801	65.0%		1216	8.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	105		59	78.0%		67	56.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	39		9	333.3%		30	30.0%
Total school buses inspected	75		124	39.5%		136	-44.9%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	9		10	-10.0%		23	-60.9%
Total trucks weighed	121		153	-20.9%		152	-20.4%
Total overweight citations	13		26	-50.0%		14	-7.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	288		263	9.5%		382	-24.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	4		0	400%		3	33.3%

\* Seat belt and child restraint

\*\* Commercial Enforcement Activity Included

- Overall enforcement activity decreased by 3.8%.
  - There was a decrease in DUI involved crashes of 15.8%.
  - There was an increase in DUI arrests prior to crashes of 13.2%.
  - There was an increase in total persons arrested.
- Total safety inspections conducted by Commercial Enforcement increased by 3.9%
  - Total safety violation citations increased by 8.4%
  - Total safety violation repair orders increased by 8.7%
  - Total vehicles placed out of service increased by 56.7%

## STAFFING AND WORK HOURS

STAFFING	Total Authorized positions		Current positions staffed		Vacancy Rate	
	June 2004	June 2003	Administrative Assignment	Field Operations	Positions Vacant	Vacancy Rate Percentage
Traffic [Tpr. & Sgt.]	89	78	21	67	1	1.1%
Commercial [Tpr. & Sgt.]	18	19	1	16	1	5.6%
Commercial CVSI	3	3	0	3	0	0.0%

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- Court Warrants
  - 191 subpoenas received
  - 21 warrant bookings/transport
  - 1 extradition
  - 105 subpoenas returned
- Evidence Vault
  - 79 disposed items
  - 50 submitted items
  - 31 submitted cases
- Training Officer
  - 71 hours of classes given
  - 4 hours spent facilitating classes
- Front Office
  - 162 arrest reports received
  - 160 arrest reports processed

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

- August was a very busy month with more events and activities scheduled than any previous month so far this year.
- Troopers from Carson City staffed the "National Night Out" at Mills Park, an event to educate the community on crime and public safety awareness.
- The Commercial Enforcement section also staffed personnel for "Truckerfest" in Sparks, an annual event where commercial truck drivers, classic trucks and vendors from all over the country get together.
- 2 other big community events where troopers **volunteered** their time were the Muscular Dystrophy's "Executive Lock-up" and the Special Olympics "Cops and Lobsters".
  - The "lock-up" event involved troopers picking up "jailbirds" at their place of employment and transporting them to the mock jail which was hosted at the Claim Jumper restaurant in Reno. Media from Fox News Channel 11 covered the event which raised over \$115,000 in bail money from the local area.

- Cops and Lobsters was an event where uniformed troopers assisted in waiting tables and placing envelopes on patron's tables. This event included 3 southern Nevada law enforcement agencies participating as well with all of the money collected going directly to Special Olympics. Northern Nevada troopers raised the most money, just over \$3,000.
- Other events staffed during the month were:
  - The Nevada State Fair and the Silver City Health and Safety Fair.
  - Additionally, the History Channel was in town to do a story on one of Trp Jeff Leathley's restored NHP cars. His vehicle was one of 6 selected throughout the country. The story is scheduled to air at the end of the year.
  - Lastly, there were 3 drivers education classes presented during the month.

## **COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

- The vacant Center Manager position is in the recruitment stage.
- Training on the MaCom radio console was completed on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Cut over to the MaCom radio system was accomplished on the 18<sup>th</sup> with no major problems.
- Overtime increased by 146 hours due to annual leave, training and vacancies.
- Sick leave decreased by 49%.
- Log entries increased by 23%
- Incoming phone calls increased by 77% due mostly to special events such as “Hot August Nights”.

## **AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS**

- Aircraft flight time
  - Time Over Sites 19.3 hours
  - Time Enroute to Sites 8.8 hours
  - Prisoner Transports 10.6 hours
  - Prisoner Extradition 6.9 hours
  - Personnel Transports 4.4 hours
  - Burning Man Patrol 10.1 hours
- There were 7 total enforcement missions flown.
  - Total enforcement activity 268 citations.
  - Activity per flight hour 13.9 cites.

## **PERSONNEL**

- Two PSDs were hired and started to work.
  - Brenda Stone
  - Ariel Gyll

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